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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**  
**AND FIRST CLASS MAIL**

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd  
Chief Clerk/Administrator

**Public Service Commission of South Carolina**

Post Office Drawer 11649

Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: Application of Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. for adjustment of rates and charges for the provision of water and sewer service and modification of rate schedules; Docket No. 2005-217-WS

Dear Mrs. Boyd:

I am writing to you on behalf of Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. ("USSC") to advise the Commission that the City of Columbia ("City") has increased its bulk water charge for bulk service rendered to USSC. The effect of this increase is shown on the attached schedule.

The increase in this charge will affect USSC's customers in the Dutchman Shores Subdivision in Lexington County and in the Dutch Village and Raintree Acres Subdivisions in Richland County as a result of the pass-through provisions contained in USSC's rate schedule approved in Order No. 2006-22 in the above-referenced docket.<sup>1</sup>

USSC received no notice from the City of this increase, either separately or by way of insert or other language contained in the bills provided by it to USSC. USSC has **not** passed this increased bulk rate through to its customers in the affected subdivisions and seeks hereby only permission to pass-through this increased bulk rate **prospectively**. Accordingly, USSC requests that the Commission accept this letter as the notice required under Commission Order No. 2006-22 and approve an increase in the pass-through to affected customers in accordance with the attached schedule.

By copy of this letter, I am notifying the Office of Regulatory Staff of this correspondence. I would appreciate your acknowledging receipt of this letter by date-stamping the extra copy that is enclosed and returning it to me in the envelope provided.

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<sup>1</sup>The same provision is contained in the rate schedule proposed by USSC in Docket No. 2007-286-WS, which has been placed into effect under bond pursuant to Commission Order No. 2008-269.

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If you have any questions or if you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

**WILLOUGHBY & HOEFER, P.A.**

s/John M. S. Hoefer

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JMSH/ccm

Enclosures

cc: Nanette S. Edwards, Esquire  
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<u>Previous City of Columbia Bulk Water Rates Now Being Passed Through to Dutchman Shores, Dutch Village and Raintree Acres S/D Customers</u>	
<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Base/Min.</u>
2"	\$34.66
3"	\$59.90
4"	\$110.30
6"	\$236.40
<u>Charge per 100 cubic ft.</u>	
First 9,700	\$2.84
Next 90,000	\$2.65
Over 100,000	\$2.51

<u>Current City of Columbia Bulk Water Rates Proposed to be Passed Through to Dutchman Shores, Dutch Village and Raintree Acres S/D Customers</u>	
<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Base/Min.</u>
2"	\$81.60
3"	\$163.20
4"	\$255.00
6"	\$510.00
<u>Charge per 100 cubic ft.</u>	
First 9,700	\$3.23
Next 90,000	\$3.06
Over 100,000	\$2.89

Source: City of Columbia (see current rate schedule attached)

From:

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Effective 7/1/2012

Monthly Water Use (cubic feet) Minimum = 300

Meter Size (inches)	Residential In City	Residential Out City	Commercial In City	Commercial Out City	Irrigation In City	Irrigation Out City
5/8	6.00	10.20	6.00	10.20	6.00	10.20
1	15.00	25.50	15.00	25.50	15.00	25.50
1 1/2	30.00	51.00	30.00	51.00	30.00	51.00
2	48.00	81.60	48.00	81.60	48.00	81.60
3	96.00	163.20	96.00	163.20	96.00	163.20
4	150.00	255.00	150.00	255.00	150.00	255.00
6	300.00	510.00	300.00	510.00	300.00	510.00
8	480.00	816.00	480.00	816.00	480.00	816.00
10	750.00	1275.00	750.00	1275.00	750.00	1275.00
Next 9,700	2.00	3.40	1.90	3.23	3.40	5.78
Next 90,000	1.90	3.23	1.80	3.06	3.23	5.49
Over 100,000	1.80	3.06	1.70	2.89	3.06	5.20
HYDRANT	Residential	Multi Unit	Small Buss	Commercial	Heavy Commercial	
	8.00	8.00	10.00	18.00	34.00	
Addtl unit	6.00					
Storm Water	6.80					

## Sewer Fees

Meter Size (inches)	Sewer Base Fee In City	Sewer Base Fee Out City	Multi unit - Inside	Multi-unit - Outside
5/8	6.00	10.20	6.00 per unit	10.20 per unit
1	6.00	10.20		
1 1/2	6.00	10.20		
2	9.60	16.32		
3	19.20	32.64		
4	30.00	51.00		
6	60.00	102.00		
8	96.00	163.20		
10	150.00	255.00		
Additional Charge		Per 100	2.90	4.93

## Sewer Methodology

Base Fee based on meter connection size + (consumption x cost) + (multi unit x cost per unit) =  
Sewer Charge